



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia offers bountiful natural resources teeming with an expansive and diverse fish and wildlife population; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing foster a deep and abiding respect for our natural resources and build awareness of our role as stewards of our precious land and water; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have long been leaders in conserving our natural resources by supporting conservation efforts through the purchase of licenses and the contribution of countless volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing are long-standing traditions that foster experiences that build relationships not only between generations of Virginians, but also between communities, friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's hunters and anglers contribute significantly to our economy and are the driving force behind such charitable programs as Hunters for the Hungry, which can be supported with the new opportunity to donate to that feeding program when purchasing a hunting license; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing are integral parts of our science-based wildlife and fish population management in the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark R. Warner, do hereby recognize September 27, 2003, as **HUNTING AND FISHING DAY** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Mark R. Warner
Governor

Anita A. Rindler
Secretary of the Commonwealth